

BASCOM PALMER EYE INSTITUTE

Educational Programs 2025 - 2026





Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to share Bascom Palmer Eye Institute's upcoming educational events for 2025- 2026, each designed to advance ophthalmologic practice through innovative education.

Our Global Center for Ophthalmic Education offers comprehensive programs that combine ophthalmic research with clinical application by incorporating cutting-edge technologies, innovative therapies, and evidence-based practices.

Whether you join us in person in Miami or participate through our virtual platform, you have access to an exceptional range of learning opportunities. Our program includes specialized continuing medical education courses, our Distinguished Lecture Series, the Inter-American Course in Clinical Ophthalmology (CURSO), and Thursday morning's Grand Rounds featuring faculty members, residents, and fellows discussing compelling cases, innovative treatments, and groundbreaking research.

We also invite you to explore BascomPalmerLearn.org, your free resource for educational programs, including CME courses, ophthalmic images, surgical videos, and expert presentations. Last year, our programs attracted 28,071 users from 156 countries, and we look forward to even greater engagement this year.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the year and sharing our programs with you.



Eduardo Alfonso

Eduardo C. Alfonso, MD

Kathleen and Stanley J. Glaser

Chair in Ophthalmology

Director, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute



Steven J. Gedde

Steven J. Gedde, MD

John G. Clarkson Chair in Ophthalmology

Vice Chair of Education,

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

October 26-29, 2025

January 17, 2026



Guillermo Amescua, MD



Carol L. Karp, MD

47th Annual Inter-American Course in Clinical Ophthalmology (CURSO)

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute's XLVII Inter-American Course in Clinical Ophthalmology (CURSO) is designed for practicing ophthalmologists to provide maximum emphasis on pragmatic approaches to clinical problems. While originally designed for ophthalmologists from Latin American and the Caribbean, practitioners from throughout the world will also benefit from CURSO's broad comprehensive update on all ophthalmic subspecialties. Attendees will gain knowledge and expertise shared by world-renowned invited speakers and members of the Bascom Palmer faculty. In addition to the extensive course material presented with simultaneous English-Spanish translation, more than 60 commercial exhibitors participate in an accompanying trade show.

Course Directors:

Guillermo Amescua, MD
Carol L. Karp, MD

Emeritus Course Directors:

Eduardo C. Alfonso, MD
Paul F. Palmberg, MD, PhD
Victor L. Perez, MD

Guest Speakers:

Dimitri Azar, MD, MBA, FARVO
Nathalie F. Azar, MD
Juan F. Battle, MD
Josefina Botta, MD
Javier Moreno Montañés, MD, PhD
Seth M. Pantanelli, MD

Registration Fee:

\$750 if received on or before
October 6, 2025
\$850 if received after
October 6, 2025

Location:

Hyatt Regency Miami
Miami, Florida
Reservations by Phone:
305-358-1234

The Hyatt Regency Miami is located in downtown Miami, next to Brickell, one of Miami's trendiest neighborhoods. With stunning views of the Miami River, you'll be just steps away from the Miami Riverwalk and Bayfront Park. The hotel is also conveniently close to the Port of Miami and the Kaseya Center (formerly FTX Arena). For shopping, visit nearby Brickell City Centre or Bayside Marketplace. If you're looking to explore more, Little Havana and the Phillip & Patricia Frost Museum of Science are also within easy reach, as well as countless restaurants and shops.

\$259 plus tax; single or double occupancy. Reservations must be made by October 5, 2025, to receive the preferred room block rate.

Course schedule is subject to change



Elena Bitrian, MD



Luis E. Vazquez, MD, PhD

Glaucoma in 2026 – What's to Come: A Glaucoma Symposium

This one-day course is designed for clinicians whose practices include comprehensive ophthalmology and adult glaucoma care. Using an interactive, integrated approach, the distinguished speakers discuss cutting-edge scientific findings and how to incorporate these advances into clinical practice. The course includes non-CME glaucoma surgical device wet labs. A variety of case vignettes, surgical videos, and practice pearls are presented to illustrate topics in the diagnosis, monitoring, and clinical/surgical management of glaucoma.

Course Directors:

Elena Bitrian, MD
Luis E. Vazquez, MD, PhD

Guest Speakers:

Karam Alawa, MD
Sylvia L. Groth, MD
Tyler M. Kaplan, MD
Alcina K. Lidder, MD
Alma Mas-Ramirez, MD
Joseph F. Panarelli, MD

In-person Registration Fee:

\$250

Virtual Program Access:

\$100

Location:

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
Miami, Florida

Course schedule is subject to change

February 7, 2026



Philip J. Rosenfeld, MD, PhD



Harry W. Flynn, Jr., MD



Thomas A. Albin, MD

Angiogenesis, Exudation, and Degeneration 2026 – Virtual Edition

Angiogenesis 2026 follows the tradition of excellence established by Bascom Palmer's widely acclaimed Angiogenesis programs between 2004 and 2025. Designed for retina specialists, general ophthalmologists, researchers, and industry, the current program will review the latest in imaging, translational research, and clinical trials with an emphasis on how these results will impact clinical ophthalmology. We will emphasize investigator-initiated research and recently completed clinical trials focused on the diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of retinal diseases with special emphasis on age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal vascular diseases, and inherited retinal degenerations.

Course Directors:

Philip J. Rosenfeld, MD, PhD
Harry W. Flynn, Jr., MD
Thomas A. Albin, MD

Virtual Program Registration:

\$200

Course schedule is subject to change

Guest Speakers

Hasenin Al-kharsan, MD
Jayakrishna Ambati, MD
Mark R. Barakat, MD
Andrew J. Barkmeier, MD
Caroline Bauman, MD
Alessandro Berni, MD
Robert Bhisitkul, MD, PhD
Barbara A. Blodi, MD
David S. Boyer, MD
David M. Brown, MD
Peter A. Campochiaro, MD
Usha Chakravarthy, MD
Gemmy Cheung, MBBS
Emily Y. Chew, MD
W. Lloyd Clark, MD
Karl Csaky, MD, PhD
Christine A. Curcio, PhD
Carl Danzig, MD
Dilsher Dhoot, MD
Diana V. Do, MD
Amitha Domalpally, MD, PhD
David Eichenbaum, MD
Kenneth C. Fan, MD
Monika Fleckenstein, MD
Martin Friedlander, MD, PhD
Roger A. Goldberg, MD
Robyn Guymer, MBBS, PhD
Allen C. Ho, MD
Nancy M. Holekamp, MD
Frank G. Holz, MD
Yunchan Hwang, PhD
Michael S. Ip, MD
Glenn J. Jaffe, MD
Pearse Keane, MD
Arshad M. Khanani, MD
Baruch Kuppermann, MD, PhD
Eleonora Lad, MD
David R. Lally, MD
Viet-Hoan Le, PhD
Aaron Y. Lee, MD
Tong (Linda) Li, MD, PhD
Jennifer I. Lim, MD
Anat Loewenstein, MD
Ivan Lylyk, MD
Matthew MacCumber, MD, PhD
Toshinori Murata, MD, PhD
Dante Pieramici, MD
Giuseppe Querques, MD, PhD
Carl D. Regillo, MD
Srinivas R. Sadda, MD
Mario Saravia, MD
David Sarraf, MD
Professor Dr. Ursula Schmidt-Erfurth
Mark Steffen Schmitz-Valckenberg, MD
Roy Schwartz, MD, PhD
Veeral S. Sheth, MD
Rishi P. Singh, MD
Giovanni Staurenghi, MD
Nathan C. Steinle, MD
Jennifer K. Sun, MD
Nadia K. Waheed, MD
Fenghua Wang, MD
Ruikang (Ricky) Wang, PhD
John A. Wells, III, MD
Wong Tien Yin, MBBS
Charles C. Wykoff, MD, PhD
Seung-Young Yu, MD
David N. Zacks, MD, PhD
Sandy Wenting Zhou, MBBS

February 20-21, 2026



Kendall E. Donaldson, MD, MS



Ellen Koo, MD

Interactive Consultations in Cornea, Cataract and Refractive Surgery 2026

This two-day course is designed for ophthalmologists whose clinical practices include general ophthalmology, cataract, refractive surgery, and cornea. Using an interactive, case-based approach, the distinguished speakers will present a variety of vignettes and practice pearls to illustrate clinical dilemmas in the diagnosis and management of anterior segment diseases. The two-day program will focus on cataract, refractive surgery, and disorders of the cornea and external disease.

Course Directors:

Kendall E. Donaldson, MD, MS
Ellen Koo, MD

Guest Speakers:

Anthony J. Aldave, MD
Rosa Braga-Mele, MD, MEd, FRCS
Carlos Buznego, MD
William J. Dupps, Jr., MD, MS, PhD, FARVO
Nidhi Gupta, MD
Mitchell P. Weikert, MD, MS

In-person Registration Fee:

\$375

Virtual Program Access:

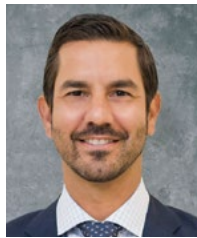
\$100

Location:

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
Miami, Florida

Course schedule is subject to change

March 7, 2026



Luis J. Haddock, MD



Zelia M. Correa, MD, PhD



Yale L. Fisher, MD

Bascom Palmer Diagnostic Ultrasound Course: Clinical Ultrasonography for the Clinician

This one-day course will provide instruction, diagnostics and hands-on experience on the clinical use and application of ophthalmic ultrasound. The program is designed for practicing ophthalmologists, residents in training, and retina specialists looking to enhance and master the use of ophthalmic ultrasound to actively manage patients in their clinics. The program will review the history, instrument development, current available instrumentations as well as diagnostic concepts used for Posterior and Anterior (UHF) ophthalmic ultrasonography. In addition to didactics, the course will provide hands-on experience, case-based presentations and discussions with faculty and participants that will highlight the applicability of ophthalmic ultrasound in clinical decision making for the diagnosis and management of ocular pathology.

Course Directors:

Luis J. Haddock, MD
Zelia M. Correa, MD, PhD
Yale L. Fisher, MD

Registration Fee:

\$200

Location:

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Miami, Florida

April 17-18, 2026



Giselle Ricur, MD, MBA, MSc, FATA



Chris R. Alabiad, MD

Digital EyeCon 2026: Tomorrow's Care, Today: AI and RPM in Focus

Digital EyeCon 2026 promises to be a landmark event, showcasing the fusion of technology and healthcare. This conference, hosted by the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute with the participation of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and UHealth, will feature a series of dynamic sessions and forums that explore the cutting-edge of virtual care. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with expert speakers, participate in critical discussions on the impact of AI in healthcare, and get hands-on experience with the latest innovations in the field of telemedicine. It's an essential platform for professionals seeking to lead in the healthcare industry's digital transformation.

Course Directors:

Giselle Ricur, MD, MBA, MSc, FATA
Chris R. Alabiad, MD

Guest Speakers:

Greg Gutmann, PhD
Anuradha Khanna, MD
Jorge Orbay, BS
Jose Ignacio Rasco, BS
Alexandre C. Taleb, MD, PhD
Roger Zaldivar, MD

In-person Registration Fee:

\$375

Virtual Program Access:

\$100

Location:

Lakeside Village, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

April 25, 2026



David T. Tse, MD



Daniel Pelaez, PhD

The 2026 Nasser Al-Rashid
Orbital Research Colloquium

This one-day scientific meeting assembles a broad array of research scientists and clinicians whose expertise and focus are principally directed to orbital oncology, traumatic optic nerve injury, and stem cell and biomedical innovations for immediate clinical application. The core objective of the meeting is to move the orbital research community to a more multi- and interdisciplinary scientific mindset by removing barriers and creating a conducive environment to collaborative interactions among investigators from different disciplines. The presentations will highlight cutting-edge molecular biology, genomic, and proteomic approaches to better understand the molecular underpinnings of these diseases and bring the state-of-the-art advanced biomaterials and regenerative medicine technologies for translating research findings into clinical reality with the ultimate aim of achieving improved visual outcomes and quality of life for orbital diseases in which effective therapy remains elusive.

Course Directors:
David T. Tse, MD
Daniel Pelaez, PhD

Location:
Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
Miami, Florida

In-Person Registration fee:
Complimentary

Virtual Program Access:
Complimentary

June 12-13, 2026



Harry W. Flynn, Jr., MD



Steven J. Gedde, MD

62nd Annual Residents’ Days

The Residents’ Days program provides an educational forum for Bascom Palmer residents, fellows, faculty, and alumni to present clinical and basic science research.

Course Directors:
Harry W. Flynn, Jr., MD
Steven J. Gedde, MD

In-person Registration Fee:
\$225 for BPEI Alumni Association Members
\$250 for Non-Members

Virtual Program Access: \$100

Location:
Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
Miami, Florida



Chief Residents 2025-2026
Despoina Theotoka, MD
Landon J. Rohowetz, MD, MA
Lauren C. Kiryakoza, MD



Residents’ Days 2025

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Distinguished Lecture Series

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute has maintained a commitment to physician education since its founding in 1962. Designed to bring outstanding leaders in the world of ophthalmology to Bascom Palmer, our **Distinguished Lecture Series** honors the life and work of exceptional ophthalmologists.



Mary Lou Lewis Endowed Lecture

October 9, 2025, 8:00 am

Lisa C. Olmos de Koo, MD, MBA
University of Washington



Edward W.D. Norton Lecture

November 20, 2025, 8:00 am

A Memorial Celebration Honoring the Life and Work of Jean-Marie Parel, Ing.ETS-G, PhD



Diana and John Clarkson Lectureship on Advances in Global Ophthalmic Education

December 4, 2025, 8:00 am

Ciku Mathenge, MD
*RIIO School of Ophthalmology
University of Rwanda*



Robert Haimovici Visiting Retina Lecture

January 15, 2026, 8:00 am

Jayanth Sridhar, MD
Los Angeles County Department of Health Services



Victor T. Curtin Lecture

February 19, 2026, 8:00 am

Steve R. Russell, MD
*Carver College of Medicine
University of Iowa Healthcare*



Alan M. Fisch Endowed Lectureship on Corneal and External Diseases

February 20, 2026, 1:00 pm*

William J. Dupps, Jr., MD, MS, PhD, FARVO
*Cole Eye Institute
Cleveland Clinic*
**Held in conjunction with Interactive Consultations in Cornea,
Cataract and Refractive Surgery program*



Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Founder's Lecture Honoring John T. Flynn, MD

March 5, 2026, 8:00 am

Kenneth W. Wright, MD
*Wright Foundation for Pediatric Ophthalmology
and Strabismus
Queens University of Kingston, Canada*



Bascom Palmer Eye Institute Chair's Lecture

April 2, 2026, 8:00 am

Bennie Hau Jeng, MD
*Scheie Eye Institute
University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine*



James V. Bastek, M.D. Endowed Speaker Series on Inherited Retinal Diseases

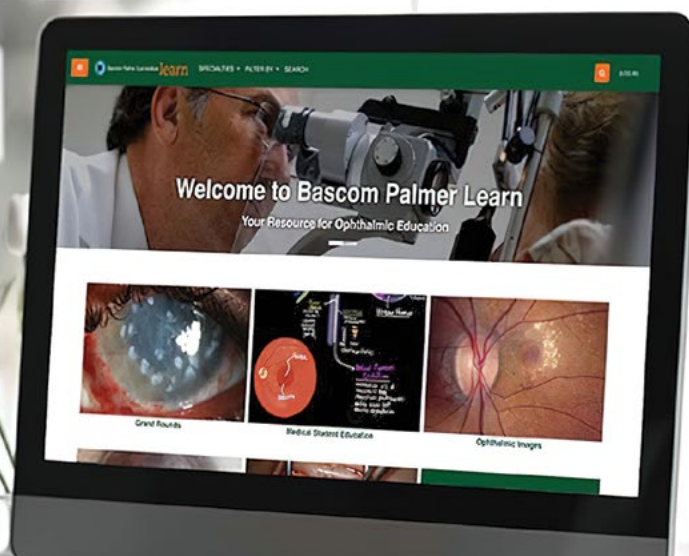
April 23, 2026, 8:00 am

Bart P. Leroy, MD
Ghent University Hospital, Belgium

Registration: Complimentary

Course schedule is subject to change.

Please visit bascompalmer.org for the latest updates.



BascomPalmerLearn.org

Bascom Palmer Learn is an online learning portal and educational resource for ophthalmologists and eye care professionals. This reservoir of educational tools provides free access to an ever-increasing collection of Bascom Palmer's Grand Rounds lectures, ophthalmic images, surgical videos, medical student courses, and other lectures. Physicians can also obtain continuing medical education (CME) credits.

Visit your online resource for ophthalmic education:

BascomPalmerLearn.org

Frontiers in Vision Science Lecture Series

The future of ophthalmology lies in the creation of new knowledge and technology and its rapid translation into the clinic to help people. Bascom Palmer Eye Institute's research mission is to make this happen through interdisciplinary team research and cutting-edge technology. The **Frontiers in Vision Science Lecture Series**, now in its 24th successful season features distinguished scientists from across the nation.



August 28, 2025, 8:00 am
Anand Swaroop, PhD
National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health



January 29, 2026, 8:00 am
Harry A. Quigley, MD
Johns Hopkins University

Registration: Complimentary

Grand Rounds



José A. Berrocal Auditorium, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Bascom Palmer offers a wide variety of educational opportunities in addition to its highly regarded continuing medical education courses and distinguished lecture series. Each Thursday morning from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Grand Rounds is presented **virtually**. Faculty, residents, fellows, medical students, and the global ophthalmology community come together to learn of the newest clinical research and treatments to increase their medical knowledge and improve patient care.

If you would like to virtually attend Grand Rounds, please contact the Global Center for Ophthalmic Education at bpeicme@med.miami.edu.

General Information



A complete listing of our educational programs can be found on our website at bascompalmer.org.

To register for any of our programs, please visit:
<http://bascompalmer.org/cme>

Calendar of Events

2025-2026

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Continuing Medical Education

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